

Why I voted Yes on H.R. 2646, the Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act of 2011

I voted yes on H.R. 2646, the Veterans Health Care Facilities Capital Improvement Act of 2011, which authorizes the Department of Veterans Affairs to build and lease several medical facilities, extend the current Department authority for several federal programs for homeless veterans, rename two Department medical centers, and extends the Department's authority to transfer real property.

It's important that we take care of our veterans who sacrifice so much for our great nation, especially when it comes to their health needs from injuries received from combat or time in service. This bill also addresses the growing problem of homelessness among veterans, a problem that shouldn't be. With more veterans returning home as we drawdown from Iraq and Afghanistan, it is important that we have the facilities and programs readily available for them when they return.